Trap in R. C. Mankowski's No.

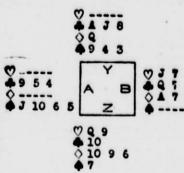
To quote the comment of one solver.

C. F. Johnson of Hartford, bridge problem No. 354, by R. C. Mankowski, "is a line or any solver.

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Here is the distribution: Black men on 5 and 7; king on 20. White men on 15 and 22; king on 12. White to move and win. The easy win seemed to be this: fine example of the finished product of the composer; hard enough to be interesting, but not difficult enough to make a man desperate."

Here is the distribution:



Y and Z want four tricks against any defence.

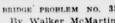
The trap in this problem is the comparatively obvious opening and the difficulty of following it up. As D. A. W. says: "This is some problem, and the opening lead is great." . The large number who failed to get the solution should not be discouraged. It is not as easy as it looks.

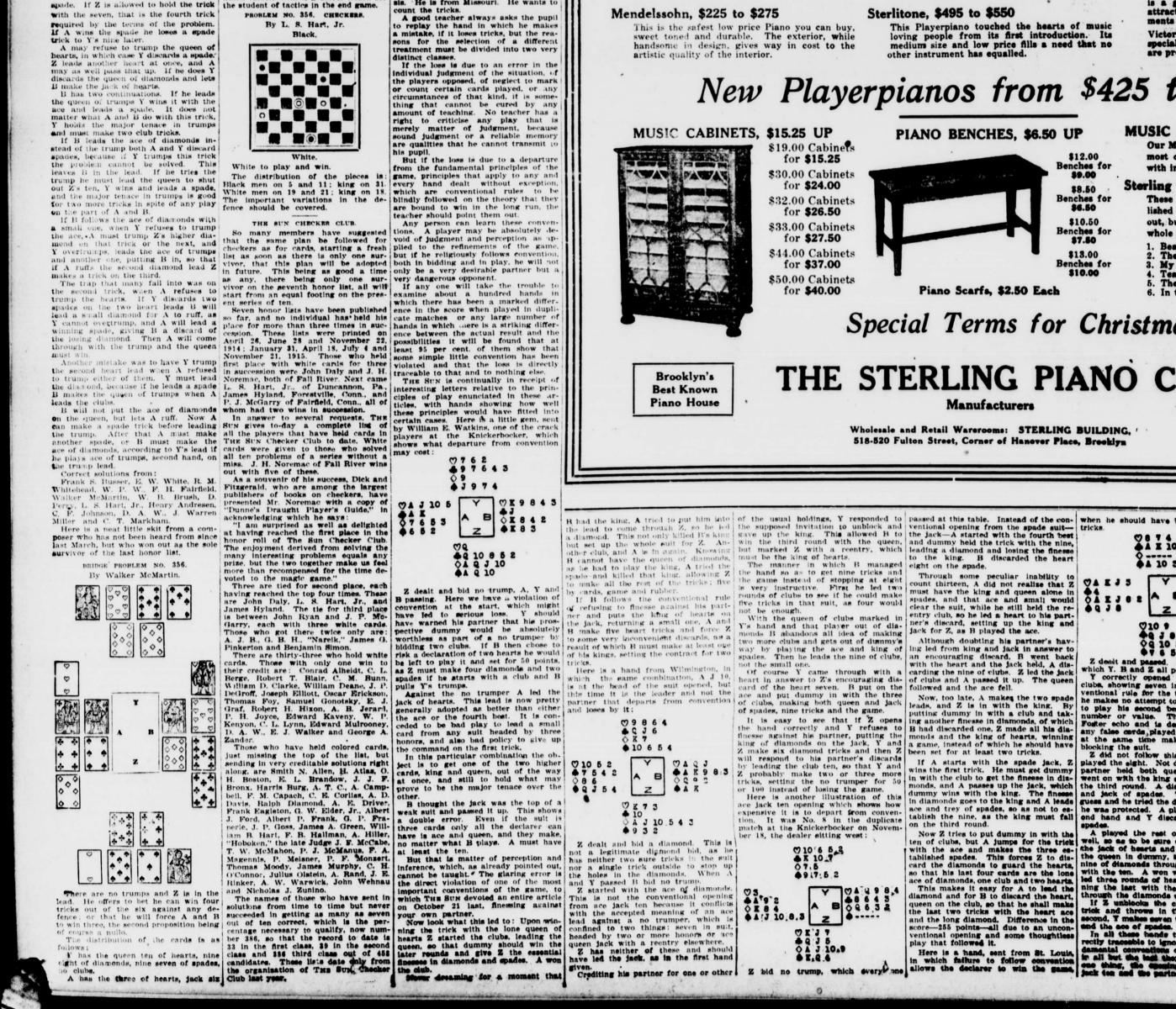
Z starts with the queen of hearts. A can trump or pass. If he trumps Y overtrumps as cheaply as possible and leads the ace 'and another trump at once, throwing the lead to B. On the second trump lead Z discards his losing

If B makes the heart jack at this point he gives Z a spade discard and allows Y to get rid of the queen of diamonds. Nothing can now prevent Z Evans, from winning two tricks in diamonds, no matter how B manages the suit.

If B declines to make the heart jack but throws Y into the lead with a small diamond Z gets no spade discard and Y can come back with his smallest spade. If Z is allowed to hold the trick with the seven, that is the fourth trick required by the terms of the problem. If A wins the spade he loses a spade trick to Y's nine later.

A may refuse to trump the queen of hearts, in which case Y discards a spade.





of clubs, seven of diamonds, jack and six of spades.

B has the jack nine of hearts, nine eight of clubs, jack ten of diamonds, no

READERS TO SOLVE spades. 2 has the deuce of hearts, ten seven of clubs, queen of diamonds, eight and five of spades.

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354 Lies in Obvious

Opening.

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"The solution of problem No. 354 will probably give some of the cracks quite a shock, as many of them thought it could be solved in two moves. The difficulty of the situation was hinted at when the problem was given, and members of The Sun Checker Club were asked if they could see the solution. Many of them "saw" the two moves that do not quite solve.

e	this:	
	White.	Black.
	22-18	5 9
	12 8	20-16 or 9-13
	8-3	

This wins the man on 7. If black plays 7—11, instead of 20—16, then 8—12 wins the man on 7. If 20—24, instead of 20—16, then 8—3, 24—19; 3—10, 19—23; 10—14, 9—13 and 15—11 wins for white.

But all this can be headed off by black playing 7—11 for his second move, and in answer to 8—12 playing 9—14. It is quite true that he loses the man on 7, but he gets the white man on 18 for it, and a drawn game. The correct solution is not quite so simple as that, but involves very careful manœuvring on white's part to let black get a king and then get the move on him. The student will observe that white has not the move at the start and must force an exchange to win it.

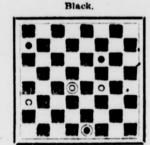
White. Black.

	White.	Black.	
	22-17	5 9	
	17-13	9-14	
	13- 9	14-18	
	9- 5	18-22	
	5 1	22-25	
	1 5	25-30	
	5 9	A 30-26	
	9- 6.	7-10	
	12-16		
t	"A" black	plays 30-25 we	ge
	15-11	7-16	
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9-14

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WHY TRICKS ARE LOST

Some years ago THE SUN published an interview with Mathias Boyce of London, long famous as a whist player and a frequent contributor of critical articles on the game, whose pen name, "Mogul" was adopted by one of the leading manufacturers of playing cards. This interview advanced the opinion that duplicate, which was then all the rage in America, was quite unnecessary as a test of a player's individual skill.

The point was that any good judge could see where tricks were lost and could unerringly place his finger upon the point, whether it was due to bad udgment or bad play, or simply to the eccentricities of the adversaries.

While this may be true when there are experts about to sit in judgment upon the play, there is nothing like duplicate to bring home to the average player the consequences of his mistakes, because he sees the scores made on the same cards at other tables.

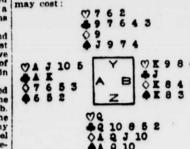
You may talk as you please about what he should have done or did not do in an ordinary rubber, there is still a lingering doubt in his mind as to whether it would have made any great difference after all, but there is no arguing against the cold fact that eight or nine pairs made three or four hundred plus on four deals that he and his partner lost on.

The word "duplicate" as applied to the word "duplicate" as applied to the game is really a misnomer, because the hands are not duplicated. They are always the same hands. The correct term would be "overplay," and a writer on the game tried hard to get a word signifying this fact adopted as the name, but without success. Now, it is obviously outte unprecessary to pass a name, but without success. Now, it is obviously quite unnecessary to pass a deal to another table to overplay it. The cards can be laid out and overplayed a dozen times by the same persons that dealt and played them in the first place if the object is to compare the results of different lines of attack and defence.

Mathias Boyce argued that this could be done mentally by any good analyst, which is quite true; but the average player at the card table cannot carry the cards in his memory with sufficient accuracy and clearness for this analysis. He is from Missouri. He wants to sis. He is from Missouri. He wants to

count the tricks.

A good teacher always asks the pupil to replay the hand in which he makes a mistake, if it loses tricks, but the reasons for the selection of a different treatment must be divided into two very



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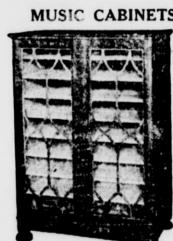
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